GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:307
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2006
PUNCTUALITY PERFORMANCE OF TRAIN SERVICES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) The punctuality performance of trains since January, 2006, zone-wise;

(b) The reasons for the late running of trains;

(c) Whether responsibility against officials/officers has been fixed by the Railways for the late running of trains;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) The remedial measures taken by the Railways for improvement in punctuality performance of trains alongwith success achieved thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 307 BY SHRI ABDUL RASHID SHAHEEN AND SHRI HEMLAL MURMU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.08.2006 REGARDING PUNCTUALITY PERFORMANCE OF TRAIN SERVICES

(a) The zone-wise punctuality of Indian Railways for the period January to July 2006 is as under:

RAILWAYS	BROAD GAUGE	METRE GAUGE
CENTRAL	95.4	-
EASTERN	96.3	-
NORTHERN	97.0	-
NORTH EASTERN	92.7	98.9
NORTH FRONTIER	96.7	98.8
SOUTHERN	97.5	99.5
SOUTH CENTRAL	97.9	99.4
SOUTH EASTERN	97.3	-
WESTERN	97.2	99.4
EAST CENTRAL	91.9	98.1
EAST COAST	97.0	-
NORTH CENTRAL	95.8	99.2
NORTH WESTERN	98.9	99.4
SOUTHEAST CENTRAL	97.1	-
SOUTH WESTERN	98.3	-
WEST CENTRAL	98.9	-

From above it is evident that punctuality of Indian Railways is very good.

(b) The reasons for late running of trains include not only those which are attributable to the Railways such as asset failures, extra time taken for loading and unloading parcels and poor traffic control but also those which are beyond the control of railways such as miscreant activities, natural calamities like cyclonic storms, breaches, Law and Order problems, bad weather, cattle run over and electricity grid failures.

(c) & (d) For improving punctuality further, during the period, 1281 staff found responsible for unwarranted detention of trains, were taken up. The zone-wise particulars are as under:

ZONAL RAILWAYS	STAFF TAKEN UP
CENTRAL	34
EASTERN	143
NORTHERN	209
NORTH EASTERN	87
NORTH FRONTIER	61
SOUTHERN	65
SOUTH CENTRAL	30
SOUTH EASTERN	70
WESTERN	95
EAST CENTRAL	209
EAST COAST	93
NORTH CENTRAL	15
NORTH WESTERN	70
SOUTHEAST CENTRAL	24
SOUTH WESTERN	38
WEST CENTRAL	38
TOTAL	1281

(e) Following steps are being taken by Indian Railways to improve the punctuality of passenger carrying trains:

1.Intensive, round the clock monitoring of trains at all three levels viz. Divisional, Zonal Head Quarters and Railway Board.

2.Launching of punctuality drives from time to time.

3.Running of trains at maximum permissible speed subject to observance of safety limits and speed restrictions.

4.Improvements in Time tabling to provide a clear path.

5.Improvement in standard of maintenance of assets to reduce equipment failures.

6.Training, counseling and motivating staff to ensure punctual running.

7.Liaison with State Government to tackle the Law and Order problems and miscreant activities.

8.Whenever trains arrive late at terminals, attempts are made to start the trains right time by deploying more resources. Spare rakes are often pressed into service.

9.Up-gradation of technology of track, rolling stock and signaling. As a result, constraints notwithstanding punctuality performance of passenger services has been very good.